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COLUMBIA MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, TRAVELING FOR SEX WITH A MINOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for traveling with the intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor female and for possessing child pornography.

David Oliver Reed, 38, of Columbia, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City. Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Reed** on Nov. 3, 2004.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Reed** traveled to Missouri from Texas between Aug. 9 and 11, 2004, for the purpose of attempting to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor female.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that, from an unknown date until Oct. 29, 2004, in Boone County, Mo., **Reed** was in possession of computer files containing child pornography that had been transported over the Internet.

Count Three of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Reed** to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the alleged offenses, including a Macintosh Power Book G3.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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